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Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am writing in support of the recently reached settlement between Microsoft and the United States Department of Justice.

The agreement is pro-consumer helping the technology sector of our economy contribute new and better jobs at this time of economic uncertainty.

This settlement brings to an end the most disruptive competitor-driven antitrust campaign in our nation's history. This is something all consumers can celebrate.

Sincerely,

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